



Laurence Jackson School's

PARENT BULLETIN

KEY MESSAGES

We would like to thank our student helpers who were fantastic at this week's Year 6 Open Evening and dedicated their time after school to this really well attended event - thank you!

Year 7 boys football trials are tonight - good luck to all who are taking part!

As a large secondary school we are always impressed with the levels of ability and talent shown by our students. As a PE department our aim is to encourage high numbers of students to engage in either our recreational after-school sports clubs alongside our high performing teams. The competition for student places when selecting teams is always of a high standard and unfortunately PE staff are not able to discuss reasons for team selection with parents/carers.

Please [click HERE](#) to view our extra curricular clubs for autumn term 1 as shared at the start of September.

There will be no library club after school this Wednesday, so if your child usually attends this club and they choose not to attend another one that night, they will be leaving school at the normal time.

Career Conference Thursday 9th October—As part of our Career Education Programme, all Year 7, 9 and 11s will be meeting employers and education/training providers to help them make informed decisions about their future.

- Y11 will be deciding and applying for colleges/apprenticeships/training providers
 - Y9 will be looking at GCSE option subjects.
 - Y7 will think about possible careers and early aspirations.
- Middlesbrough College, Prior Pursglove College, NHS, Royal Air Force, Teesside Airport, careers advisers and other organisations will be there. You can support your child by discussing potential career ideas and asking them to think of questions for providers. If you have any questions, please contact Miss H Mitchinson via 01287 636361 or careers@laurencejackson.org

Please be mindful of the car park in terms of drop off and pick up areas, including parking, access, and respecting the No Stop signs; thank you.

Year 11s should click [this link](#) to find out about how to apply to TTE for September 2026.

KS3 Home Learning Updates - All students will be reminded of the following in form time on Monday:

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- **Educake for Science (due in Today) and for Geography (due in Thursday)**
- **Sparx Maths** from last week (due in **WEDNESDAY** this week)

Make sure you don't fall behind with your MFL and History that were set last week.

This week you will be set the following Home Learning Tasks:

1. **Sparx Reader** (set TODAY) will be due in on Monday next week 9am.
2. **Science Educake** (set TODAY) will be due in 2 weeks from today.
3. **Sparx Maths** (set Wednesday) will be due in on Monday next week 9am.
4. **Geography Educake** (set Wednesday) will be due in 2 weeks later.

ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS

We understand that some of our students may still be experiencing a few issues. Please remember:

1. Your child needs to use their school Microsoft login for all the platforms (their school email address and password)
2. To check spelling of 'laurence'
3. When logging into Educake and Seneca students need to click on 'sign in with Microsoft' and then use their Microsoft login details

In school there will be drop in sessions at lunchtimes for students to access if they need help logging in.

Embedding Study Skills: Flashcards

This term, we are having a whole school drive on embedding the use of flashcards to help students build independent study skills and to support them with recalling crucial knowledge. In Years 7-11, students will be creating and using flashcards across the curriculum.



What are flashcards?

Flashcards are an effective revision tool. Typically, they include a question, term or key quotation on one side and the correct answer, definition or description on the other side.

Flashcards can be used in the following ways:

- ✓ Self-testing
- ✓ Tested by a peer or family member
- ✓ Look - cover - write - check

How can I support my child?

- Purchase a pack of blank flashcards from your local supermarket (available for under £2 for 100 cards)
- Test them using their flashcards - the answers are on the back of the cards so you don't need any prior knowledge of the topic!
- Watch this short video tutorial for top tips for parents / carers: [Flashcards are the EASIEST Study Hack!](#)

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

I would like to raise that we have had a number of reported near misses before and after school with cars and students. Please remind your child about their road safety when coming to and from school. If dropping students off, please use the allocated drop off area to minimise any road crossings where possible.

-Mr Bayston, DSL